

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

This Preliminary Amendment was filed to amend claim 3 to remove the multiple dependency and to add new claim 18. Claim 18 is the same as claim 3, except that it depends from claim 2 rather than claim 1. With new claim 18 added, the original scope of all of the claim 3 is maintained.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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